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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 51-120737
Japan 62-182709
Japan 63-273823
Japan 4-212119
Japan 6-230309
Japan 7-287180
Japan 10-325934
Japan 11-84118
Japan 11-271655
Japan 11-307443
Japan 11-337853
Japan 2000-2847

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. An English-language translation of the Japanese Notification of Reason for Refusal, together with an English-language translation of Applicant's Response thereto, is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese documents cited above is provided in the Japanese Notification and by the English language abstracts included with the cited art. In addition, U.S. Patent 4,731,623 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 62-182709; U.S. Patent 5,161,047 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 4-212119; U.S. Patent 5,448,403 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 6-230309; U.S. Patent 5,646,767 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 7-287180; U.S. Patent 6,624,943 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 11-84118; U.S. Patent 6,295,163 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 11-337853; and U.S. Patent 6,215,574 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 2000-2847. All of these U.S. Patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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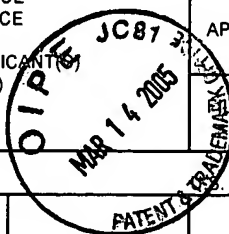
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